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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015      9:00 a.m.      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd, Garrett, D. Miller, Plawecki.  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Lane.

Representative Glenn made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative LaVoy made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

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| HB 4298 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; electric choice; eliminate, prohibit self-implementation of rate increases, and require utilities to utilize a competitive bid process. |
| HB 4299 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; 1951 PA 35; update references.  |
| HB 4300 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; home rule city act; update references.  |
| HB 4301 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; electric cooperative member-regulation act; update references.  |
| HB 4302 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; clean, renewable, and efficient energy act; update references.  |

Lisa Hansknecht, representing Oakland Schools, submitted a card indicating opposition to HB 4298.

Robert Strong, General Counsel to the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (ABATE) reviewed the following topics with the Committee: history of choice in Michigan; competitive v. uncompetitive rates; choice's impact on capacity and reliability; choice does not harm service/bundled customers.

Subsequent to the presentation, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:30 a.m.

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Representative Aric Nesbitt, Committee Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538